Minutes - Research Council Meeting
April 26, 2024
9:00-10:00 am

In Attendance: J. Allan, M. Ash, E. Baker, R. Clement, L. Cordeiro, R. DeConto, J. Dillard-Wright, S. Fefer, L. Goldner, B. Jakob, P. Katz, L. Keough, M. Krezmien, R. Jentoft, J. Mager, C. Misra, J. Normanly, M. Pachucki, E. Ricciardi, K.P. Tandukar, L. Vandenberg, DV Venkataraman, B. Whitcomb, L. Wolf

Welcome

- J. Normanly welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Quick review and approval of minutes from March 15th.
    - link
    - Motion made to approve and passed without dissent.

Energy Transition Institute Review Presentation (Erin Baker, and Michael Ash, Faculty Directors)

See also RC MS Teams for proposal and review:
https://umass.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/ResearchCouncil/Shared%20Documents/General/2023-2024/%2723-%2724%20task%20forces,%20committees,%20liaisons/Energy%20Transition%20Institute?csf=1&web=1&e=cXQyUz

- Presentation of Institute
    - Discussion about future leadership changes and what that process and structure may look like. Also talked about commitment to diversity and leadership across disciplines.
    - Discussion about funds and more conversations to be continued with new leadership in the provost's office.
- Voting to be done at the next meeting.

Grad Student Funding & Tuition Revenue Funds (Jackie Urla)

- Preview of documents to be discussed at the May 10th meeting.

https://umass.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/ResearchCouncil/Shared%20Documents/General/2023-2024/%2723-%2724%20task%20forces,%20committees,%20liaisons/Task%20Force%20Grad%20Student%20Funding/Fwd_%20RC%20April%202024%20Meeting?csf=1&web=1&e=YCpFQd

Task Force & Committee updates

- Center & Institutes TF (Sarah Fefer, Paul Katz, Laura Vandenberg)
    - No update
- RCC (Alex Ribbe)
    - No update
- RAAB (Laura Vandenberg)

- Discussion about NIH grant funding e-mail sent to PI's on April 23rd titled: Ongoing Postdoc PRO Union contact negotiations

- A1 Task Force (Lisa Wolf is the RC rep; Loren Walker is research Subcommittee Leader)
  - JTFGenAI Final Report (without sub-group report appendices): https://umass.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/ORDArchive/Ed07RInE6lxOlBXsoKvwKF8BQtCr02IYxhGsrj0n-np-mg?e=AR4Sp5
  - JTFGenAI research subgroup report https://umass.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/ORDArchive/EeOT5KZeHq5GrAHFARekOr0BxQTjpHT0cjtcrhkQ9OOQ0w?e=YPESMS

    - Talked about messaging around these documents, access to accounts, data, and communications.

Announcement, new topics, etc.

- May meeting we will vote on three C&I proposals and review final reports from each task force